

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 to 17, 20, 21, 23 to 27 are pending. Claims 2, 5, 7, 18, 19 and 22 are currently canceled. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 15, 20, and 21 are currently amended. Claim 27 has been added.

Claims 7, 8, 15, and 16 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Correction has been made to now claim 1 to provide antecedent basis for the base of the carrier. Correction has been made to claim 15 to provide antecedent basis to the base of the carrier. Claim 15 read in combination with claim 14 from which it depends makes it clear that the carrier includes a spacer and a base.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate elements of allowable claim 7. Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate elements of allowable claim 19. Claim 20 has been amended to incorporate elements of allowable claim 22. New claim 27 is a combination of previous claim 1 and allowable claim 11.

In view of the above amendments to the independent claim, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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